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**REMINDER OF OPEN SEASON TO SUBMIT MIGRATORY BIRD
SUBSISTENCE HARVEST PROPOSALS & EXCLUSION PETITIONS**

This is a reminder that the annual period to submit proposals to change migratory bird subsistence harvest regulations for the **2006** April-August season opened on November 1 and extends through December 15. Forms are available on the web at <http://alaska.fws.gov/ambcc/regulations.htm> or by calling the toll-free number above or emailing william_oststrand@fws.gov.

The **2005** March-August migratory bird subsistence harvest regulations are awaiting publication of a Proposed Rule in the Federal Register, which will have a 60-day public comment period.

Petitions will also be accepted during this open period to request a change in “excluded/ included” community status to be effective for the **2006** harvest season. Petitions will still be excepted after December 15, 2004; however, they will not be considered by the Council until the next regulatory cycle. A detailed description of the process for community petitioning is also available from our office.

All proposals and petitions received will be reviewed and acted on by the Alaska Migratory Bird Co-Management Council at their **May 2005** meeting in Anchorage.

Partner Members: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Alaska Department of Fish & Game, Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, Bristol Bay Native Association, Association of Village Council Presidents, Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes, Copper River Native Association, Chugach Regional Resources commission, Kodiak Area Native Association, Kawerak Inc, Maniilaq Association, North Slope Borough, Tanana Chiefs Conference

